

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER, 1976

Dear Member:

I have intended for sometime to write a Newsletter and now the time seems right for this.

GENERAL MEETING 1976

The General Meeting was held at the time of the 21st Australian Dental Congress in The meeting was held Adelaide in February. in the University of Adelaide Club on February 19th, 1976. Twentytwo members attended and ten formal apologies were

The President, Dr. Roger Hall was in the Chair. confirmed Brisbane as the final choice. Dr. Hall presented a report of the activities of the Association since the inaugural meeting held in Sydney in August, 1973. The general business of the meeting was then transacted and the election of officers followed. warm and well deserved tribute was paid to Roger Hall for the hard work he did in regard to the formation of the Society and to his subsequent efforts to ensure its sound development.

Officers elected for the period until the next General Meeting are as follows:-

A.M. Horsnell (S.A. Branch) President Vice-President John Keys (Q'land Branch) Sec/Treasurer W.J.P. (Joe) Verco (S.A. Branch)

Members of the Governing Committee:

K.R. Allen (S.A. Branch) (W.A. Branch) Ray Own

It became evident at the General Meeting that two points required careful attention; these were, the timing of the Regular General Meeting and the composition and method of election of the Governing Committee. these matters have been carefully considered and are referred to in this Newsletter under the section "Constitution".

MEMBERSHIP

ship of the Association and to be able to record the formation of a branch in Tasmania. The latest information reaching me, brings news elected by the State Branch. of positive steps now being taken to encourage membership from interested Dentists in N.S.W. - should be replaced by "The Council". lets hope we will soon see a branch in N.S.W. the current membership figures total just over This is good news, but I must remind all members that the basis of a healthy Society the Australian Dental Congress, but it is are enthusiasm and interest and that numbers alone do not indicate the real strength of an Association such as ours.

1977 CONVENTION - BRISBANE IN MAY

One of the first jobs that the new Executive had to do was to consider the possibility of arranging a Clinical Meeting in the interval between the General Meeting in 1976 and the next General Meeting, 1978. Many members will recall the highly successful Clinical Meeting held in Melbourne in November 1974, which certainly whetted many appetites as well as setting an excellent pattern for future similar events. A number of locations were considered but the enthusiasm and strength of the Queensland Branch

The date has now been finalised. A preliminary programme will be published soon - make a note -Brisbane Convention - May 19th and 20th, 1977.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON DENTISTRY FOR CHILDREN San Francisco, California, July 31st - August 4th, 1977.

The 6th Congress of the I.A.D.C. and the 50th Anniversary meeting of the American Society of Dentistry for Children will be held in San This promises to be a most interest-Francisco. ing meeting for all who are able to attend. John Keys (Vice-President) has been nominated by your Executive to be our Association's official representative at that meeting.

If any member of our Association has a matter which they feel should be brought to the attention of the International Association of Dentistry for Children, I hope they will write to me so that the Executive can consider it before asking John Keys to present it on our behalf.

CONSTITUTION

The Executive has reviewed the present Constitution and I have been in contact with officers of State Branches concerning the composition and method of electing the Governing Committee and the timing of the General Meeting.

It is encouraging to report a growth in member- In regard to the Governing Committee, it seems most desirable that basically this should be composed of a representative from each State Also, it is suggested that the title "Governing Committee"

> Concerning the General Meeting, the present Constitution requires it be held at the time of evident from the attendance at the General Meeting this year in February that this is not a satisfactory arrangement.

Also, when one compares attendance at the General Meeting in February with that at the Clinical Meeting, in Melbourne in November 1974, it becomes clear that it would be much more satisfactory for the "General Meeting" to be held at the time of a Convention such as Melbourne in November 1974, or that planned for Brisbane in May next year.

To permit discussion of these matters, a Special General Meeting will be held at the time of the Brisbane Convention. Notices of the Special General Meeting will be sent out in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution.

A.D.A. Affiliation

I had hoped to report that the affiliation of our Society with the A.D.A. had been completed but, unfortunately, there has been an unforeseen delay. I understand now that the Society's application has been to the A.D.A.'s Affiliation Sub-Committee and will be considered by the A.D.A. Federal Executive in November. Hopefully, it will then be ratified by the Council A.D.A. in April 1977 - Looking on the bright side, all should be finalised by the time of the Brisbane Convention.

MILDURA SEPTEMBER 1976

The northwest group of the A.D.A. (Vic. Branch) invited the Victorian Branch of our Society to accept responsibility for the programme of their mid-winter meeting in Mildura in September.

I was able to attend that meeting and can use the opportunity of this Newsletter to thank members of the A.S.D.C. (Victorian Branch) for the excellent programme they arranged and the very high standard of the individual presentations.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

It has been suggested that our Society should have some form of Scientific publication and as a basis for this that each State Branch be expected to contribute one article each year. I think these are excellent suggestions and hope we can act on these lines. I shall be pleased to have members reactions to the proposal; naturally, additional or alternative suggestions would be welcome.

PERSONALIA

Roger Hall and Joe Verco have both been away overseas for short visits and are likely to have met at the "3rd International Congress on Dentistry for the Handicapped" in Stockholm. We shall look forward to the reports of their activities and items of special interest. During Joe Verco's absence, Kevin Allen stepped into the breach to act as Secretary/Treasurer and I am very grateful for his help.

During this year, I have been able to visit Perth and Brisbane to meet with the Executive of the State Branches and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of seeing the Victorian Branch in action at the Mildura meeting. I am looking forward to attending a meeting of the Tasmanian Branch in early December.

Please let me have your item(s) of interest for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A.M. HORSNELL President.

P.S. Remember - BRISBANE CONVENTION 1977 MAY 19th and 20th.

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